

### —FAST FACT—

The Obama administration says it is delaying for a year a key provision in the Affordable Care Act that would require companies with more than 50 employees to provide health insurance.

The Treasury Department says it will now begin penalizing companies that don't provide insurance in 2015, instead of January 1, 2014.

## QUICK TIPS

- Bozeman Business Expansion and Retention (BEAR) can connect you with local resources: [www.bozemanbear.com](http://www.bozemanbear.com)
- The Incumbent Worker Training Grant (IWTG) program has been approved for Fiscal Year '14, but funds are limited! BEAR, MMEC, and SBDC clients are eligible and encouraged to apply. Want more information about becoming a client? Contact Amy at the Bozeman Job Service or visit this link: [www.wsd.dli.mt.gov/service/iwt.asp](http://www.wsd.dli.mt.gov/service/iwt.asp)

## Minimum Wage Myth Buster

Myth: Increasing minimum wage is bad for the economy.

Not true: Since 1938, the minimum wage has been increased 22 times. Over the last 75 years, real gross domestic product per capita has steadily increased, even when the minimum wage has risen.



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## 6th Annual Economic Development Summit to be held in Butte

The Montana Tech campus in Butte will play host once again to the Montana Jobs Summit on September 16th and 17th, 2013.

The summit will feature more than 40 breakout panel sessions for attendees. These sessions will focus on topics such as accessing capital, writing a business plan, getting your business online and many other key topics related specifically to Montana businesses.

One of the most highly anticipated attractions of the Summit will be the presentations of the featured Keynote speakers. This year's summit will showcase some of the most widely recognized global leaders and innovators in manufacturing, social-networking, energy and economics.

Some of the Keynote speakers will be:

- Elon Musk-CEO/Chief Designer & Product Architect-SpaceX & Tesla Motors
- Sheryl Sandberg-Chief Operating Officer-Facebook
- Jim McNerney-Chief Executive Officer-Boeing
- Safra Catz-President & Chief Financial Officer-Oracle
- Fred Smith-Founder, Chairman, and CEO-FedEx
- Richard Anderson-CEO-Delta Airlines
- Alan Mullaly-President and CEO-Ford Motor Company

The Montana Jobs Summit will provide Montana businessmen and women with an unprecedented opportunity to learn from and network with some of the world's most renowned leaders, thinkers and trendsetters from a variety of industries.

The Jobs Summit event is free to all Montana citizens and registration can be completed at <http://montanajobssummit.com/register>. For more information on the conference agenda, speakers or related topics go to <http://montanajobssummit.com/>

## Governor Steve Bullock's Main Street Montana Project

Governor Steve Bullock's Main Street Montana Project today sent in-depth county surveys to Montanans across the state as part of the effort to build a business plan for Montana. The Main Street Montana Project wrapped up seven Roundtable events in July and used the input provided by Montanans from all over the state to build the survey tool. The County Survey aims to drill down to the specific economic opportunities and challenges facing Montana businesses, workers, educators, and families in every county of the state.

All Montanans are encouraged to participate in the Main Street Montana Project and respond to the survey, which can be found on the Project's website, [www.MainStreetMontanaProject.com/Survey](http://www.MainStreetMontanaProject.com/Survey).

"We want every Montanan to have a voice in this process, because we know that the best ideas for Main Street come from Main Streets all over Montana," Bullock said. "Working together we'll build a business plan that helps businesses grow, encourages innovation and raises wages across the state."

The data collected from the survey, along with data collected from other stages of the Project, will be used to develop a business plan for Montana that builds on Montana's economic strengths and addresses challenges the state has faced for years. The plan is scheduled to be delivered to Governor Bullock in the first quarter of 2014. It will contain concrete steps that his administration can take to support business, job and wage growth in Montana.

More information about the Project can be found at [www.MainStreetMontanaProject.com](http://www.MainStreetMontanaProject.com).